GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Supply of Seeds
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide high yielding seeds, fertilizers, electricity and irrigation facilities to the farmers at low prices in order to make agriculture a profitable profession in the country;

(b) if so, the number of farmers benefitted by these schemes during the last three years and the State-wise and scheme-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also launched any scheme to provide seeds at low prices to the farmers living below the poverty line and if so, the details thereof and the number of such farmers benefitted by the scheme during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government has utilized the services of Non Governmental Organization (NGO) to provide seeds to the farmers, if so, the details of such organizations; and

(e) whether the Government fixes any time-period for these organizations to execute the task, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam, the Government provides assistance/subsidy for seed production and distribution of high yielding seeds to farmers including farmers living below poverty line at reasonable rate through various crop development programmes/schemes. The details are at Annexure-I.

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To upgrade the quality of farm saved seed, financial assistance for distribution of foundation/certified seed @ 50% cost of the seeds for cereals crops and 60% for pulses, oilseeds, green manure and fodder crops is provided under Seed Village Programme. The details of State-wise funds released and number of farmers covered/benefited are at Annexure-II. Subsidized fertilizers like urea, Di Ammonium Phosphate(DAP), Muriate of Potash(MOP), NPK complexes are available to all farmers.

During 2015-16 Government launched the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) to improve access to irrigation and mitigate risk of farmers by providing assured irrigation, viz.

â€¢ Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) to focus on faster completion of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation including National Projects.

â€¢ PMKSY (Har Khet Ko Pani) : Source augmentation, distribution, ground water development, lift irrigation, diversion of water from water plenty to water scarce areas, supplementing rain water harvesting beyond Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) & MGNREGA, repair, restoration, renovation of traditional water bodies.

â€¢ PMKSY (Per Drop More Crop): Micro level storage structures, efficient water conveyance and application, precision irrigation systems, topping up of input cost beyond MGNREGA permissible limits, secondary storage, water lifting devices, extension activities, coordination and management.

â€¢ PMKSY (Watershed): Ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, water harvesting structure, livelihood support activities and other watershed works.

The PMKSY scheme under its various components envisages to enhance the irrigation facilities in an area of 28.5 lakh ha. from 2015-16 to 2019-20.

The Government of India has no scheme to provide electricity to the farmers at low prices.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Question does not arise.